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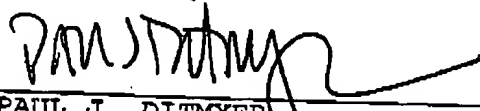
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Sir:

Appellants hereby request reinstatement of the appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Appellants appeal the decision of the Examiner mailed July 14, 2004, rejecting Claims 24-46 and reopening prosecution following Appellant's Brief filed June 15, 2004.

A Supplemental Appellants' Brief addressing the Examiner's new grounds for rejection was filed on October 14, 2004.

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